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SUBJECT: SEYCHELLES -- AIRCRAFT CLEARANCE/SHIP VISITS

REF: (A) STATE 7915 (B) LONDON 783

1. FCO ADVISES THAT C-130 LANDING AND RON AT SEYCHELLES REQUESTED REF (A) IS ACCEPTABLE TO HMG IN PRINCIPLE. CONTRARY TO PARA (2) OF REF (B), HOWEVER, DETAILS ON FLIGHT HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED BY THIS EMBASSY. FINAL CLEARANCE CANNOT BE GRANTED UNTIL U.S. PROVIDES AIRCRAFT TAIL NUMBER; CALL SIGN; CAPTAIN, CREW AND PASSENGER IDENTITIES AND DESCRIPTION OF CARGO AS WELL AS ANY CHANGES IN ETA OR ETD. PLEASE ADVISE.

2. FCO ALSO ADVISES VISIT OF USS LONG BEACH TO VICTORIA IS ACCEPTABLE FOR DATES 5-7 FEBRUARY UNDER FOLLOWING CONDITIONS: (A) SHIP MUST ANCHOR 032 DEGREES FROM VICTORIA LIGHTHOUSE AT DISTANCE OF 3.3 MILES (B) SHORE PARTIES MUST BE LIMITED TO 150 AT ANY ONE TIME BETWEEN 0800 AND 2300 (C) SHORE PATROL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL POLICE WELCOME. VISIT OF USS CAMDEN 7-9 FEBRUARY IS NOT APPROVED BECAUSE IT WOULD CONFLICT WITH VISIT OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II ON 8 FEBRUARY.

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BETH II ON 8 FEBRUARY.

3. WE ASKED FCO OFFICIAL IF CAMDEN VISIT WOULD BE ACCEPTED WITH DIFFERENT DATES. HE SAID THAT THIS POSSIBILITY HAS NOT BEEN MENTIONED BY LONDON OR GOVERNOR SO HE CANNOT PREDICT IF VISIT BY CAMDEN AT LATER DATES WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO GOVERNOR. HE COULD SEE NO OBJECTION TO OUR MAKING A REVISED REQUEST FOR THE CAMDEN IF WE WISH.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT: WE RECOMMEND THAT USG CONFIRM THAT LONG BEACH VISIT WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONDITIONS SET DOWN BY GOVERNOR. IF USN WISHES TO ACHIEVE VISIT BY USS CAMDEN, WE RECOMMEND THAT USG MAKE A REVISED REQUEST FOR A VISIT COMMENCING ON 9 FEBRUARY AT EARLIEST BUT 10 FEBRUARY IF POSSIBLE.

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